

House Resolution No. 557

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Billy Jay Rose lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Lois Gene Howerton, during a solemn ceremony on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1953, in Long Lane, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Billy and Lois Rose have had the pleasure of raising two children, Terry Jeanne Maultsby and Billy Randal Rose, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Billy Rose, who delivers meals to the homebound, has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a dairy farmer for twenty-nine years, a beef farmer, and a Deacon at Harmony Baptist Church; and

Whereas, a secretary for fifteen years, the Music Director and Sunday school teacher at Harmony Baptist Church, and an exemplary homemaker, Lois Rose enjoys playing the piano and guitar, singing, reading, and fishing; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Billy and Lois Rose have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Rose of Conway commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration at Chardonay's and at the home of their daughter:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Billy and Lois Rose and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jay Rose.

Offered by _____
Representative Randy Angst
District No. 146

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 557, adopted March 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker